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XA-9573 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Yoshitaka HAYASHI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/985,669

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Examiner: D. Abdelnour

For: STARTING CLUTCH AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by three months. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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